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SMPD Completes Check on 50 Sex Offenders

The San Marcos Police Department recently completed a compliance check on 50 sex offenders living in San Marcos and found four individuals out of compliance with registration laws.

Currently, 50 persons are required to register as sex offenders in San Marcos, including 46 convicted of offenses committed against children.



Patrick Colton Merworth

The compliance checks involved officers making personal visits to the sex offenders' homes to verify their current residency, said Commander Chase Stapp.

Arrest warrants were issued for four individuals not in compliance with the law. Two were arrested and police are trying to locate two others for failing to register.



Bill Joe Crayton

Police are seeking Patrick Colton Merworth, (DOB 4.27.1990) and Bill Joe Crayton (DOB 4.23.1984). Anyone with information of their whereabouts is asked to call San Marcos Police at 512.753.2108.

Police arrested a juvenile offender who is not on a public list and Carlos Mercado (DOB 08-09-1969) for failing to comply with the requirements. Mercado is currently incarcerated at the Hays County Law Enforcement Center. His bond is set at \$10,000.

Failing to register as a sex offender is a State Jail Felony punishable by confinement in a state jail from 180 days to 2 years and up to a fine of \$10,000. The public may check the Department of Public Safety web site at <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/> to learn where registered sex offenders live in San Marcos.